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BEN CARDIN**  
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**Congressman Ben Cardin - Maryland's Third District**

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Dear Friends,

The decision of Dubai World Ports (DPW) to divest itself of operational control of the Port of Baltimore and five other U.S. seaports was a positive step, but we still need to enact legislation to significantly improve port security.

In this post 9/11 world, it defies good sense to allow foreign-government owned entities to control the operations of **any** of our nation's seaports. The leadership of countries can change, and we open ourselves up to potential risk if we allow other nations to control facilities that are vital to our nation.

As the senior Democrat on the House Trade Subcommittee, I have joined with the Chairman of the subcommittee, Rep. Clay Shaw, R-FL, in introducing the *Secure America's Port Operations Act*, HR 4839, which would prohibit foreign-government owned entities from controlling port operations at any of our ports.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin  
Member of Congress



**CONGRESSMAN CARDIN REVIEWS SECURITY WITH OFFICIALS AT THE PORT OF BALTIMORE**

Officials from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency demonstrate security procedures for Rep. Cardin during his recent visit to the Port of Baltimore. The Congressman is the senior Democrat on the House Trade Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over Customs.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: HEALTH CARE FORUM**

Rep. Cardin will sponsor a Health Care Forum on rising health care costs and other health-related issues that affect Americans.

**Date:** Monday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Overlea-Fullerton Senior Center  
4314 Fullerton Ave., Baltimore County

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**Would you support legislation that would prohibit foreign-government owned entities from operating U. S. seaports?**

- Yes
- No

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